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SUBJECT: Soviet Proposal of November 27 on Berlin

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Franc Primožic, Yugoslav Minister
Mr. Foy Kohler, Deputy Asst. Secretary, EUR

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During a general conversation today Mr. Primožic inquired about developments in the Berlin situation. I confirmed to him that we were expecting to deliver the Western replies to the Soviet note of November 27 in Moscow tomorrow and indicated that they would follow the general line of the US and NATO published statements which had been made on the subject. During the discussion of this subject Mr. Primožic expressed his personal bewilderment by the extent to which the Russians were continuing to get themselves out on a limb with respect to Berlin, leaving no visible means of retreat. He thought that the Soviet hard line

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